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TAGS: CASC TC (AYCOCK, ANDREW C)(HUNTER, BLAKE F)

SUBJ: SCS/MEDEVAC

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1. ATTENDING PHYSICIAN HAS RECOMMENDED EVACUATION CC SUBJECTS TO U.S. COMMERCIAL CARRIERS BRITISH AIRWAYS AND AIR FRANCE HAVE INDICATED UNWILLINGNESS ACCEPT PATIENTS. THEREFORE, AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION TO U.S. IS HERE BY REQUESTED.

2. FOLLOWING KEYED THOSE PARAGRAPHS OF 7FAM 360.5 (C) WHICH NOT ALREADY ANSWERED BY REFTEL:

A. REF TEL

B. REFTEL

C. LETTER FROM BRITISH AIRWAYS, P.O. BOX 267, ABU DHABI, DATED AUGUST 4, 1976 AND ADDRESSED TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN STATES, QUOTE: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT BRITISH AIRWAYS IS UNABLE TO UPLIFT THE FOLLOWING TWO PASSENGERS F.H. BLAKE (MEANING HUNTER, BLAKE F.) AND A.C. COOK (A.C. AYCOCK) AS MEDICAL CASES BECAUSE THEY ARE UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS OF BRITISH AIRWAYS "(7) POST OPERATIVE CASES - CARRIER UNABLE TO UPLIFT WITHIN 10 DAYS OF SURGERY". THE ABOVE TWO PASSENGERS ARE EMPLOYEES OF PEAVY AND TOWNSON. SIGNED BY C.J. IRVINE, STATION DUTY OFFICER. UNQUOTE. AIR FRANCE REPRESENTATIVE ADDED ENDORSEMENT TO AFOREMENTIONED LETTER STATING AIR FRANCE REGULATIONS ARE IDENTICAL.

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D. MEDICAL EVACUATION BY THE USAF HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY DR. GEORGE GANT, AMERICAN CITIZEN PHYSICIAN ATTENDING, TO BE NECESSARY DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND DUE TO UNWILLINGNESS OF COMMERCIAL CARRIERS TO ACCEPT PATIENTS AS PASSENGERS.

E. REFTEL

F. LETTER FROM DR. GEORGE A. GANT, M.D., 9 GLENSALE DRIVE, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, 32741, DATED AUGUST 3, 1976 AND ADDRESSED TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN SAYS, QUOTE: THE PHYSICIAN AND HOSPITAL STAFF AT AL-AIN ARE TO BE COMPLIMENTED FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT GIVEN TO ANDY AYCOCK AND BLAKE HUNTER. BUT BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THEIR PROBLEMS, I FEEL THAT IT IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MR. ANDY AYCOCK INJURIES ARE:

1. COMPOUND FRACTURE AND DISLOCATION OF THE RIGHT ANKLE, THAT HAS BEEN SURICALLY REPAIRED AND CASTED.

2. SEVERE CRUSHING INJURY TO THE RIGHT THIGH, THAT REQUIRED EXTENSIVE DE-BRIDMENT.

3. SEVERE COMMUNITED FRACTURE OF THE LEFT FEMOUR, THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN A SPIHA TIME.

5. LACERATION OF THE FACE AND SCALP, THAT HAVE BEEN SURICALLY REQUIRED.

MR. BLAKE HUNTER INJURIES ARE:

1. COMPOUND FRACTURE OF THE RIGHT MID FOREARM, THAT HAS BEEN SURGICALLY FIXED WITH A PLATE ON THE RADIUS. THE ULNA HAS SOME BONE AVULSED AND IS IN POOR POSITION WHEN LAST XRAYED.

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2. FRACTURE DISLOCATION OF THE LEFT ANKLE, THAT HAS BEEN CASTED, BUT WILL REQUIRE FURTHER SURGERY.

3. CONTUSION TO THE ABDOMEN THAT REQUIRED SURGICAL EXPLORATION, SEVERE CONTUSION TO THE LARGE AND SMALL BOWELS WERE FOUND TO BE PRESENT.

THE PROGNOSIS FOR THE TWO MEN IS GOOD, PROVIDED

THAT THEY RECEIVE OPTIMAL CARE. THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT IS INFECTION SECONDARY TO COMPOUND FRACTURES AND THE MUSCLE INJURIES, ADDED TRAMA RELATED TO THE HELICOPTER ACCIDENT, THAT WILL HAVE SERIOUS EFFECT ON THEIR PROGNOSIS IS THAT A TWELVE YEAR OLD BOY WAS KILLED. THE BOY WAS VERY DEAR TO BOTH MEN.

G. UPON RECEIPT OF ESTIMATE OF COST FROM DEPARTMENT AS REQUESTED REFTEL, POST WILL OBTAIN DEPOSIT FROM COMPANY REPS IN ABU DHABI.

H. NOT APPLICABLE.

I. NAMES OF PERSON SIGNING WRITTEN DECLARATION ACCEPTING FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND ABSOLVING USG OF LIABILITY IS: ELLIS BLAKE HUNTER WHO HAS POWER OF ATTORNEY TO SIGN IN BEHALF OF COMPANY.

J. MINISTRY OF HEALTH HOSPITAL, AL-AIN, ABU DHABI, UAE.

K. ORANGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

1. DR. GEORGE A. GANT, MD, DIRECTOR, OSCEOLA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 9 GLENDALE DRIVE, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA.

2. PERMISSION IS REQUESTED FOR AYCOCK'S WIFE AND HUNTER'S BROTHER TO ACCOMPANY PATIENTS ABOARD USAF AIRCRAFT.

E. IF APPROVAL GRANTED, EMBASSY, SUBJECT AGREEMENT AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND SENIOR MEDICAL ATTENDANT, UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD LIKE EXTEND INVITATION TO SENIOR ABU DHABI ARMED FORCES MEDICAL DOCTORS OFFERING THEM OPPORTUNITY VISIT FLYING HOSPITAL WHILE IT ON GROUND IN ABU DHABI. SUCH AN INVITATION WOULD SERVE AS PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ABU DHABI AIR FORCE MEDEVAC OF PATIENTS FROM AL-AIN TO ABU DHABI.

R. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMALLY ALERTED. UPON NOTIFICATION OF APPROVAL AND AIRCRAFT ETA, WILL FORMALLY REQUEST OVERFLY AND LANDING APPROVAL. NO PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED.
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